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We Should Speed Up Safety

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EVER since the advent of the steam engine we have been speeding up, and while that speed has come with inestimable benefit, it has not come without its measure of attendant harm. When the legislature of New York was first asked to grant a franchise for eighteen miles of steam railroad, the right to build this first railroad was not granted without a bitter opposition which contended that it would be unsafe because the engine would scare so many horses that an unwarranted toll of death would result.

The railroad came and those who opposed it were right in their death toll predictions. The engines did scare the horses. There were runaways, and what is worse, there were wrecks on the rails and an ever-increasing list of accidents have been recorded as the iron ribbon mileage multiplied.

But for all this we would not erase the railroads from our maps; we would not go back to the days when even a king would cry "My kingdom for a horse."

The threshing machine has cost many a thresher an arm. But we would not go back to the days when we flayed grain on the floor.

Mill machinery and foundry furnaces take their human toll. But we cannot do without them.

We fly sky-high and all too often we read of a fallen flyer. It is the price we pay to learn how with safety to use the swifter way.

The auto brings its price in limb and life. We pay it and speed away.

We have been impatiently seeking speed. With the same impatience we must seek safety. The cost of speed has reached such alarming proportions that the "Safety First" slogan was born.

Observe, we did not cry "Cut it out," nor did we even plead "Slow down." We do not want to slacken, much less to stop. On the contrary, we want to speed up. That is progress. But we must speed up safety.

The National Safety Council reports that the compiled figures of preventable accidents in 1920 show a death toll of as many people as live in the State of Nevada. In other words, in one year we wiped out by accident one whole State. That means that it is time to STOP something. It is not speed we should stop. We must stop recklessness.

The man-eating threshing machine has gone out of fashion. But the fool at the auto wheel is busy. Fatalities from reckless auto driving average thirty deaths a day. We have speed laws, but they are defiantly disobeyed and the violators when arrested are too often dismissed with a modified reprimand or a petty fine.

To endanger the life of another is not a light or laughing matter.

We must adjust ourselves to the auto as the horse did to the train. We make the train run on schedule, limit its speed on curves, slow down at the sign of caution and come to a full stop at the STOP signal. So must we make every auto driver do.

There is but one way to do it, and that is for every community to impose drastic penalty for every offender and for every community to promptly get rid of any officer that fails to arrest the offenders and every judge and magistrate that will not impose the full penalty of the crime.

If it is a crime to take life, it is a crime to endanger life. Speed up safety. It is the duty of every town and county government to get indignantly busy on this all important job. We cannot spare our people in whole state-wide lots.

The Farmer Wins the Election

PERHAPS the most significant phase of the recent election is summed up in a public statement issued by Mr. Gray Silver, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, as follows:

"The entire membership of the senate and house agricultural blocs was returned to congress by a safe majority. We consider this a full vindication of The American Farm Bureau Federation's legislative programme, as well as that of the bloc, and proof that the legislation was in line with public sentiment."

Mr. Silver's analysis is obvious, but it tells only part of the lesson.

The result evidently heralds an awakening of the public mind to the fact that the real party in which Americans are interested as a unit is the American party whose backbone and sole platform is the prosperity of the man who tills the soil and keeps the world alive.

Twenty years ago no one could conceive a Democratic farmer rejoicing at the election of a Republican to Congress, but likewise twenty years ago we could not conceive Illinois listening to the opera in New York as per radio today.

The world moves. Blind partisanship is giving way to common sense, and we are coming to see that such matters as the national budget and the tariff are not properly placed in the sphere of politics. The farm is in this category of national factors that must be safeguarded and developed regardless of party if the nation is to progress, and fortunately the farmer has sensed this fact himself.

While the great cities have poked a great deal of fun at the farmer and smiled at his ingenuous simplicity, seemingly he is the only force in American life that has displayed enough common sense to organize along intelligent lines and sufficient acumen to make good.

The legislative success of the farmer may be traced more than anything else to the fact that he has been based on justice, and is for the common good.

The State Highway Commission has made the Wallula cut-off, so-called, a primary road, and will thus be able to cooperate with the government in completing that portion of the Columbia Highway to the Washington state line. The Commission was "forced" to do this, according to the statement of the Portland Oregonian.

Future Outlook for Oregon

WHAT policies shall control in the organization of the next General Assembly and in the new state administration that will be in control of the affairs of the commonwealth for the next four years?

The people do not want an old-fashioned legislative session starting with fifty thousand dollars wasted on five- and ten-dollar-a-day useless clerks and experts and ending with an orgy of log-rolling and midnight sessions for big appropriations without formality of rollcalls.

The people do not want four or five hundred new laws passed creating new jobs and commissions, creating new places for pets, and imposing new taxes, fees, licenses and permanent burdens on the taxpayers. All candidates have run on economy platforms and the people demand action.

In California a Governor has been elected who as state treasurer has resisted expansion policies, salary raising and padding payrolls, and his platform is business policies in state affairs, death to parasites, but retaining all useful and necessary state employees.

In Washington a new state administrative system has abolished 71 boards and commissions and 284 state employees in administrative service, making a direct saving of \$1,734,719 in the past ten months, and a yearly reduction in state payrolls of \$133,962.

A commission of prominent men was named early in the year to report on the Washington administrative system. Will they submit a report of any kind favorable to reform on new lines, or will they uphold the present system which has resulted in checking state development?

The people demand a cut in the total of tax rates, without weakening the efficiency of our state government, without abandoning a progressive highway system or impairing our educational system. Washington has increased the efficiency of state government by an entirely new system.

Millions of dollars taxes are delinquent in this state. Single counties have had to bid in fifty to one hundred thousand dollars of taxes on lands, and continuing old methods will turn this state over to the tender mercies of socialism and communistic radicalism.

Confiscatory taxes are eating up the prosperity of the producers and the property of the people. Continuation of such policies by an old-fashioned loot legislature will meet with stern rebuke by the people.

An inefficient machine-ridden legislature, organized on the old lines, pursuing old methods, with reckless, careless, extravagant, incompetent leadership will not relieve the plight of the people, nor promote the development of industries, or bring settlers to Oregon.

Great promises were made during the campaign as to what could be cut from the overhead of state

Harold Dobyns, Gov. Trapper, Is Promoted

Harold Dobyns, popular trapper of predatory animals in the county has received an appointment as assistant predatory animal inspector, and is leaving for Portland to confer with Stanley Jewett, who is head of the work in this section. Mr. Dobyns will be in Portland until Dec. 7, and will then go to Olympia, Wash. He was here yesterday for a short time before leaving for home where his relatives live. Mrs. Dobyns and their small daughter, Patricia, will remain at home for a month.

Mr. Dobyns is rated as one of the best trappers in the United States. The office of the biological survey which conducts the government trapping of predatory animals wrote Mr. Jewett that the thesis on trapping submitted by Mr. Dobyns was the best that has ever been turned in to the department.

Since 1916, Mr. Dobyns has been trapping in this county, and during that time he has killed 50 bears, about 1000 coyotes, 100 wild cats, two lynx, and though porcupines and badgers are not on the predatory list, 1000 of them have been killed by this one trapper in his service here.

Mr. Dobyns was busily engaged in his work when the news of his appointment came, and this month he had already caught 27 coyotes. He has now picked up his traps, and is on his way to the new job.

"Bolliver" is entering on a long vacation. Bolliver is the faithful bay horse that has carried the trapper over the hills for six years. Mr. Dobyns says he isn't sure that he will like the speech-making part of his new job, but adds with his characteristic smile that he is "going to do his best."

Mr. Dobyns reports that there is very little snow in the mountains now. He says deer tracks are rather

Live Cecil News Items.

Jack Hynd, mayor of Cecil, left on the local on Sunday for Portland. He was accompanied by his sister Miss Annie Hynd, of Rose Lawn Heppner. Constable John is again kept busy.

F. M. Halferty, who has been spending the last few weeks with his mother Mrs. Mary Halferty of Shady Dell returned to his home in Portland on Tuesday.

Misses Mildred Henriksen and Violet Ledford of Strawberry ranch visited at the home of A. Henriksen of Lexington on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Hynd and Herb Hynd of Buttery Flats, were the dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Geo. Henriksen on Wednesday evening.

Johnie Shufelt and Earl Henriksen, two popular guests of Rhea, were the guests of Herb Hynd, of Buttery Flats Wednesday evening.

Herb Hynd of Buttery Flats, accompanied by Annie C. Love of the Highway House were transacting business in home on Thursday.

Mrs. G. A. Miller, who has been visiting relatives in Battle Ground, Washington, for three weeks returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Funk and daughter returned home on Sunday from Portland where they had been taking in the sights.

Mrs. Yocom returned to Portland Sunday after spending a few days around Cecil and Heppner.

W. E. Ahalt and son Harold of Cecil were calling on their Cecil friends on Wednesday.

W. T. Benedict of Lyle Wash, was calling on his old friend Henry Street on Saturday.

Walter Pope and Geo. Krebs of Cecil spent a few days in Heppner during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth of Rhea were visitors in Heppner on Wednesday.

T. W. Lowe of the Highway House spent Friday and Saturday in Heppner.


Mrs. Geo. Henriksen was a business caller in Arlington on Thursday.

Marion Van Schoelck of Arlington, was a Cecil caller on Tuesday.

Mr. Harbison and F. C. Maloy were Cecil callers Thursday.

W. W. Osborn was a county seat caller on Monday.

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